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STILES

20 August, 1962.

Mr. Fred T. Stiles,
Brookside,
Fort Ann, N. Y.

Dear sir:

This will be a reply to your letter of 16th inst.,
with regard to Dr. Nathan Rhoads and his wife, Anne Brown.

I confess to an absorbing interest in the story of the American Revolution and its consequences, insofar as it affected the early settlers of this part of Canada. My interest has been centred around those Tories, Loyalists to us, who were forced to escape from their homeland and seek refuge elsewhere. Naturally, this involves a very wide area--from Nova Scotia to Detroit. I have, on that account, confined my interests mainly to the area from Montreal to the middle of Lake Ontario, on the north shore. I have, however, accumulated a library which covers some aspects of settlement in outside areas.

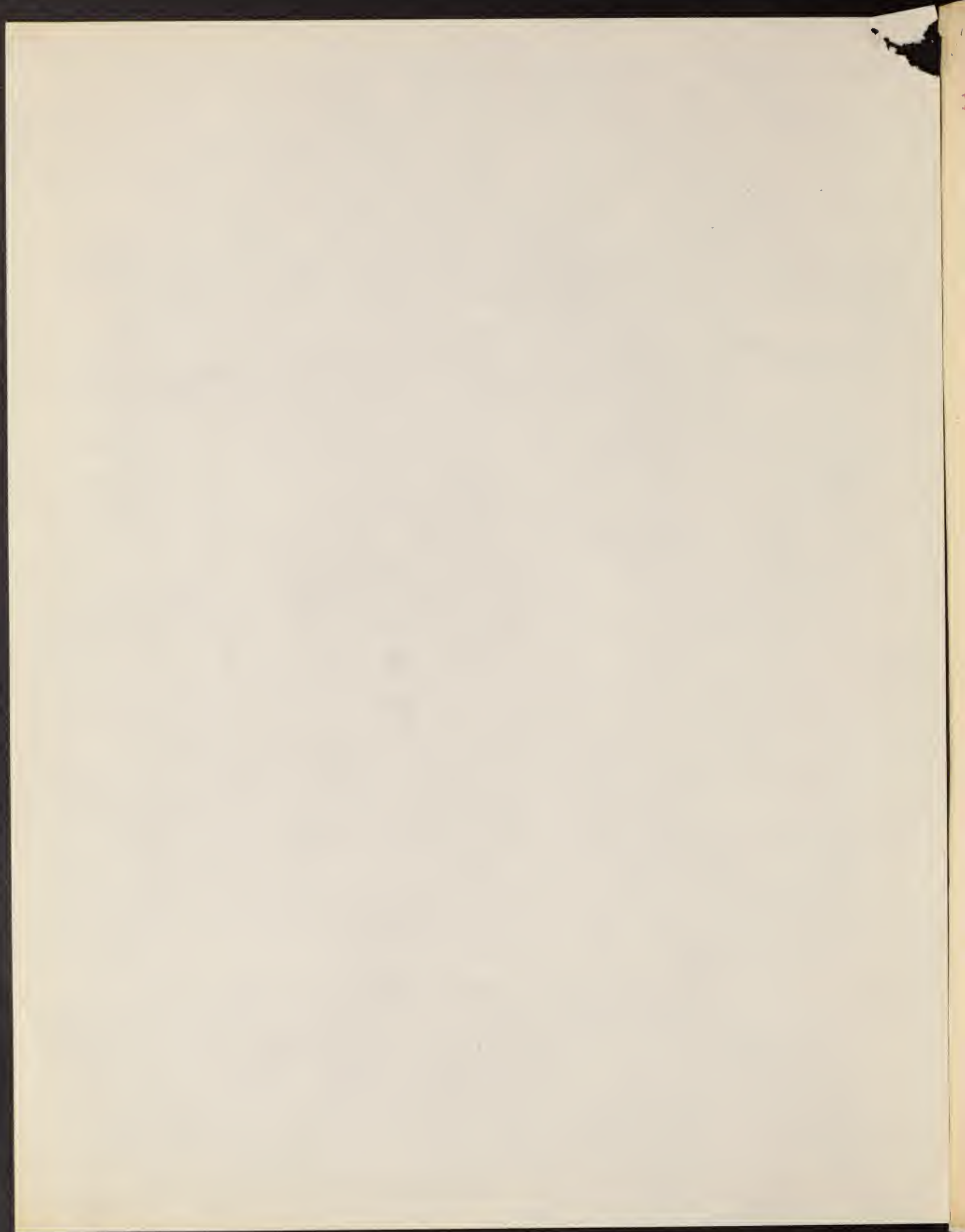
I have scanned my papers and find no reference to those in whom you are interested. My Brown woman was Mary (Polly), born about 1800. There is no reference to Dr. Rhoads in the Loyalist List, nor in the list of sons and daughters of Loyalists. Local church records give no clue, nor do Land Applications for Ontario up to 1798. I have also scanned the list of Loyalists who settled in New Brunswick. Likewise, I have looked through several books and reports relative to what we call the Eastern Townships of Quebec Province, this being, as you may know, the area bordering on the north of N. Y., Vt., & N. N.

I do have some suggestions. They are:

1. Write to the Archivist, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, asking him if the name of Dr. Nathan Rhoads appears in their index cards. This might produce something.
2. I note in your letter that Dr. Rhoads & family left Canada in 1812 in an ox and returned to the U. S. This is likely true, seeing that many others, not wishing to be involved in a war between the two countries, and having American leanings, did return. I have a large list of such for Ontario, but no mention of your man. It should be noted that escape from Ontario would involve crossing the St. Lawrence by boat--a circumstance which would likely have been mentioned by members of your family. Therefore, I suspect that they were residing in the Eastern Townships from which they could readily escape by ox carts. It seems, therefore, that you should concentrate on that area. They are very patriotic in that neck of the woods and have active Historical Societies. Likewise, much has been published.

Your surname has awakened my interest, as there were two of that name in the ranks of a Loyalist regiment. They were John and Selah (Silas) Stiles, both of whom joined late in 1776 or early 1777. John was captured by the Rebels on 4 Oct., 1777, and his name disappears. Selah, who was 48 years & 8 months of age in Dec., 1783, evidently remained in this country for some years. I have often wondered if he was not related to my ancestors, seeing that he gave my gr. gr. grandfather power of attorney with regard to the sale of a farm lot near this place. I should appreciate a brief note on these two, if you are able to locate them. I assume that there is a Stiles genealogy, seeing that the Stiles roots go far back in Colonial history.

Am sorry that I have no news for you. Sincerely,



- Stiles (Styles) Silas 1. Master Roll, 7 Oct., 1784 1 1 0 0 0 0 2 2 1 On his land. Joined since last muster.
Selah
- XI 2. Land Books. Acting Surveyor General reports 29 Sept. 1793 on his petition. (as Selah Styles).
- XII 3. 12 Aug. 1796 Soon after survey of Township of Townsend Selah Styles made application for land, Lot 18 Conc. 1. Did not get land at the time because they had no authority with them
- XIV 4. Land Books. 8 July, 1797 he applied for lands in right of his wife as a loyalist. Amy Stiles recommended for 200 acres
Selah Styles to be warranted P.R.
- XV 5. Crown Lands Ernesttown. Conc. 6 lot 5 E. to Silas Stiles et al on 5-17-1802.

Sons & Daughters of U.E.

- XVI Stiles, Selah, of Norwich marr. Amy. U.C. 4.4.1797
- XVII d. (P.) Selah of Norwich U.C. 21.7.1831 Oxford County
- XVIII s. Peter " " 18.7.1833 warranted for Lot 18 Conc. 1 Townsend Tp.
- XIX d. Lavinia, marr. Simeon Post, of Norwich U.C. 7.4.1824.

W.O. Papers Roll of Sam McKays Vols. Chateaugay 20 Dec 1777

Plus in Convention
Silas Stiles

ditto

List of Loyalists from Prov. of N.Y. P.R. Claim 30.1.1777

Selah Stiles (Adams + 8 men who will not join any Corps but have taken the Oath)

IIA

John Stiles

ditto

Account of Cash advanced to men engaged by order of Brig Gen Muelan
10 April 1776 Silas Stiles £ 3.4.0. (then aged 41)

ditto

Papers relating to K.R.R.N.Y. 1779-80

XII

~~Monroe Coy 1st Bn~~

~~provides~~

Highbank Sloop.

Selah Stiles of Monroes Coy.

B155

List of Off men Proposed to form 2 Coys of Artificers in Can 1.1.178

V

Selah Stiles carpenter presently employed K.R.R.N.Y.



Jessup & Peters Corps in 1777

Jessie

IA Roll Capt Edw. Jernys Co Pt. Clair 24.1.1777
P/L John Seiles.

Peters'

Subsistence Q. L. R. 24.6 to 24.10.1777

Seah stiles 25 June to 31 July.

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Selah Styles.

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 last muster.

VI

Roll of Capt William Fraser's com of Rangers. Issued Nov 26. 8. 78
Sgt Salah Stiles

B 126

3.12.6
list of logs at Catarequis + dependencies 4.12.1783

XX Engineers Silas Stiles age 48 yrs 8 mo. (born Apr 17 35)
Dept

B 133

B 133
 Relates of men & families attached to Peter's Corps
 Belonging to Dr. Adams Celab Giles

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roll of KCO + man enl. for 1 KRBY to date Plt Gen 17.5.1781
VVT
Selah Stiles 2.3.1779

B 161

B 161
Return of men + offs of K. L. Arms that were taken prisoner in 1777
May. Edw. Jessup's Coy John Stiles 4 Oct 1777



Ft. Ann, N.Y.
Aug. 16, 1962

Dear Dr. Barleigh,

We have been corresponding with Amy B. Lewis of Galesburg, Mich. who has been trying to help us find my great-great grandmother Anna Brown's parentage.

She could not find her in her data and suggest that we write you, saying that you were also searching for an Anna Brown and that if ours was from a Loyalist Family, you might have data on her.

Our Anna Brown was born in 1776--do not know where, but believe in one of the New England states.

Dr. Nathan Rhoads and his first wife lived in Washington Co. N.Y. from about 1784. In 1789 they had a son there. Sometime after that, his first wife died and he married Anna Brown--we cannot find where nor when they were married.

Rhoads
A son, Francis B. ~~Rhoads~~ was born about 1806 in Canada and another, Robert S. Rhoads was born about 1809 in New Hampshire. About 1812, so family tradition goes--they loaded what they could carry on ox carts and fled back to the U.S. The oldest members of the family dimly remember hearing it said that they came because of religious trouble or the war of 1812--either or both.

From 1816 they lived in Town of Dresden, Wash. Co. N.Y.--he dying in 1861; 107
Anna in 1878. Have good records of them from 1816 on, but before this, 102
are baffled.

We thought perhaps that Dr. Nathan Rhoads was a Loyalist because we can't find him in the Revolution. He was b. about 1754--in Dutchess Co. N.Y., so his 1855 census says. We cannot find his parentage either.

Would surely appreciate any help you could give us.

Sincerely,

Fred T. Stiles.

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Brookside
Ft. Ann, N.Y.

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P.S. Am enclosing 5 cents for a stamp--am not sure you could send a U.S. stamp from there if I put one on the enclosed envelope.

